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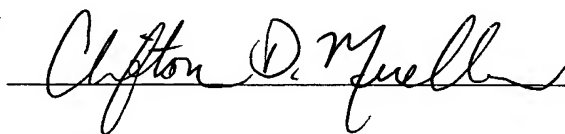
Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 21 are rejected. Claims 1 and 21 are allowable if amended to overcome 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections. Claims 1 and 21 are amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections.

A replacement Abstract of the Disclosure is included in this response.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' agent at the number listed below. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 50-0749.

Respectfully submitted,
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